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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM:

THRU MAIL 6
Helmut Sonnenfeldt/Phil Odeen⁷⁰

SUBJECT:

THRU MAIL 6
Smith Wants to Move on ABM Proposal on Thursday

As expected, Smith has asked to proceed on our two for two ABM position (Tab B). He has had another private talk with Semyonov who evinced interest in our position and continued to indicate that he is getting new instructions of some kind himself. He asked for a delegation head meeting on April 6. While this is a minuet, there would seem to be no reason to delay presentation of our position. If the Politburo is indeed deliberating, it may even help clarify matters for them.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial the attached backchannel for transmission to Smith (Tab A).

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April 5, 1972

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EYES ONLY For Ambassador Gerard Smith, SALT, Helsinki

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FROM Henry A. Kissinger, The White House *HK*

REFERENCE: Helsinki 0283

You should proceed with putting SL/ABM package to Semyonov on
April 6 in accordance with NSDM 158.

Warm regards,

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
 FROM AMEMBASSADOR SMITH SALT HELSINKI 0263

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

DEAR HENRY:

AT TODAY'S MINI-PLenary, THE "SUFFICIENT" FORMULA FOR AN
 INTERIM FREEZE LIMITED TO ICBMS WAS REPEATED. THE TERM
 "SUFFICIENT" WAS NOT REFERRED TO. SEMENOV PROPOSED A MEETING OF
 NEGOTIATION WEDNESDAY FOR THURSDAY, WHICH I ACCEPTED. THE POST-
 PLenary HE ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MY REFERENCE ON
 THE FIRST DAY TO POSSIBLE EVOLUTION OF US ARM POSITION. I
 REPEATED WHAT I HAD EARLIER SAID ABOUT A LINKAGE WITH POSSIBLE
 EVOLUTION OF HIS ARM POSITION AND THEN ADDED IF SEMENOV
 WAS INTERESTED IN THIS PROPOSITION, I COULD GO INTO SOME DETAIL
 QUITE SOON.

SEMENOV SAID THAT EACH SIDE HAD TO BE INTERESTED IN SATISFYING
 OF INTEREST TO THE OTHER SIDE. HE WAS INTERESTED IN GETTING AS
 MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON THE VIEWS AND CONSIDERATIONS
 OF THE OTHER SIDE. HE WOULD BE A POOR NEGOTIATOR IF HE FAILED TO
 PAY ATTENTION TO EVERYTHING I HAD TO SAY ON ONE SUBJECT OR
 ANOTHER. "OF COURSE, TO HEAR DID NOT MEAN TO AGREE; BUT IT
 DID MEAN TO KNOW."

HE SAID HE WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW ON
 CERTAIN ASPECTS OF ARM LIMITATION. HE BELIEVED THAT BY THURSDAY
 HE COULD DISCUSS THESE MATTERS. HE ASKED IF I WOULD BE READY
 BY THEN. I TOLD HIM I WOULD TRY, BUT COULD NOT PROMISE.

WITH THIS RECORD, I BELIEVE USON REQUIREMENT IS FULLY MET.
 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO MY PUTTING SL/ARM PACKAGE TO SEMENOV
 APRIL 6TH?

MARY BEARDS.

GERARD SMITH

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